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Part B for September 1930

SUBJECT

Memorial of the Mohammedan Leaders of the Cavalle League

4) The Mil Comr thro' the President Bangalore City Mil Co

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states that the vacant land should n
be disposed and request to make
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Serial No

Petn from the Muhammadan residents of Marelle stating that the petn of Mr B L Byrappa for a portion of vacant site belonging to the Rahmathkhan attached to the mosque may be rejected

343 dated 17-6-1930 to the Municipal Commissioner forwarding the above petition for report

No G 50-53 dated 20/22-8-1930 from the Municipal Commissioner Bangalore city forwarding a report in the matter

Submd the muhammadan residents of Marelle object to the grant of a plot of land in front of Mr B L Ramarao House to Mr B L Ramaswamy on the ground that it forms part of the Rahmathkhan and should it be given there will be apprehension of the breach of the peace. As this is a matter to be dealt with in the L & G Branch, the papers may kindly be forwarded to L & G Branch

Submd for orders

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The Hon'ble Member of Council has ordered on the Connected file (D 1358) that the land objected to should be given to Mr. B. L. Ramaswamy as manually. These papers will be filed with the main file which has been dealt with a draft reply to the Commr. of Lands for orders.

Yes
16/9/30

Yes
17 9 30

Jud 119-30-3

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Bangalore City Dated 3rd Sept 1930

FROM

C MACHIA ESQ B A
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

To

The Personal Assistant to the
Second Member of Council,
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your D O dated 15th May 1930 forwarding a memorial presented to the Second Member of Council by the Mohamedan devotees of the Mavalli mosque, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of my letter No 53 dated 28th August 1930 to the Law Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, on the same subject for ~~information of~~ Submission to the Member with a copy of the resolution of City Improvement Committee and the plan referred to therein

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Municipal Commissioner

Draft to Mr Commr
Submitted for Approval

15-9-30

Issue

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To The Mr Commr thro the President, Bangalore inf-med no L2603 & 29-9-30

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15 MAY 1930
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To

The Second Member of Council,
Mysore Government, Bangalore

Respected Sir,

We the Mohamedan Devotees of the Mavalli Mosque, and Ashur Khana attached thereto, do hereby beg most respectfully to state as follows: -

1 That from time immemorial we the Muslim worshippers of Mavalli have been using the vacant plot of land on the southern side of the Ashur Khana as "Alava" ground viz , for purposes of fire walking during the Moharam festival as well as for holding "Vaz" religious discourses In fact the vacant plot forms a part of the Ashur Khana but was not separated by compound walls as we allow the Hindus also to attend the Alava and Fatiha ceremonies

2 In fact, some of the Hindu residents wanted to raise a temple in front of this vacant site on or about the year 1901, and the Mohamedans of the Mavalli objected to the construction thereof, the objection was upheld by the then District Magistrate Mr Sparkes and the then Councellor Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar on the ground that it will give rise to breach of the public peace and interfere with the rights of the Mohamedan community

3 That Mr B L Bhanna constructed a house to the south of the vacant plot of land belonging to the Mosque about 10 years ago with a door on the Eastern side sometime later taking advantage of the fact that he was in the Municipality

Municipality [illegible] have unauthorisedly usurped plot of vacant land 6' X 14' and built a verandah with a door facing the North thus acting illegally and to the detriment of others rights Finally the matter was adjusted between him and the Municiplaity by paying a penalty of Rs 60/-

4 That not content with these illegalities and emboldened by the recent election he is attempting now to throw dust into the eyes of the Municipality and acquire a portion of the vacant site belonging to the Ashur Khana attached to the Mosque without the knowledge of the Mohamedan devotees behind their back If the Municipality is prevailed upon to accede to his request and he proceeds to put up any structure on the site belonging to the mosque it is bound to result in breach of thepublic peace particularly because it is the religious duty of every Mohamedanto protect Mosque prosperity even at the cost of his life Mr B L Byanna we submit is at the bottom of the present move to deprive the Mosque of its present property His shortsighted policy is bound to distrub the happy relations of the Hindus and Mohamadens in this locality and we apprehend grave trouble as the Moharam is shortly approaching

5 Under these circumstances and in the ends of Justice equity and good conscience,we the Muslim Worshippers of the Mavalli Mosque and Ashur Khana beg of you to be kindly pleased to direct that the petition of Mr B L Byanna be rejected,the vacant site be declared to belong to the Mosque and therefore inatienable

For which act of Justice and kindness we shall ever pray

We beg to remain

Respected Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Mavalli
Bangalore City
Dated 14th May 1930

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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Bangalore City Dated 20th May 1930

FROM

C MACHIA, ESQ, B A
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

To

P HaDeVaYYa, [illegible], B A, B.L,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Law Department, Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your D O No 345/P dated 17th May 1930 forwarding copy of a petition presented by the Mohammedan residents of Mavalli, Bangalore City, to the Dewan of Mysore for report, I have the honor to state that the Municipal City Improvement Committee in their meeting held on 7th May 1930 resolved that a plot of ground marked 'G P' belonging to the municipality and measuring 15½' x 62' in front of Mr B.L Somasamy's house may be sold to him at Rs 2/- per Sq Yard for putting up an open verandah (Copy of the resolution and plan enclosed)

2 In this vacant land as the Mohamedans allege there is an alava marked 'A' (fire pit for Moharrum celebration) and Shurkhana marked 'B' and it is a fact they have been using the Alava and are in possession of the Shurkhana part from this the open space does not belong to them at all as the house owners to the east, west and south of the open land use this as a necessary way to their houses and there are drains on both sides of the open space on the east and west It will also be seen from the plan presented by --- hmed Sei, on or about 6th November 1921 that this open space is shown as Municipal land

3. As regards the 2nd para of the petition no. records are available to support their contention

he stated that

that Mr B L Ramaswamy is the brother of Mr. B [illegible] Byan the Municipal Councillor and it is learnt that they re living together It is seen from the counterfoil receipt no 2512 dated 14th July 1920 that Rs 75-8-0 were collected from Mr Byanna for 15 10 [illegible] Yds for a site no records are available it is not possible to say if he unauthorizedly built the existing verandah [illegible]

b The points to be settled are ---

If [illegible] be given to Mr B L Ramaswamy, brother of Mr Byanna as decided by the City Improvement Committee who have powers to dispose of it would it interfere with the Mohurram celebrations and tend to a breach of the -- peace ?

( ) One thing is certain that by granting [illegible] the space for the crowd gathering during the celebration must naturally be reduced and the Mohamedans are against diminution of this space under any circumstances

(b) As regards breach of peace by the Mohamedans it would depend upon their attitude towards Mr Byanna & his brother Mr Ramaswamy which does not appear to be as disclosed by the petition and their attitude during inspection

) The petition sent is herein enclosed

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) C Madhava

Municipal Commissioner

Forwarded with compliments,

(Sd) P Subbaramasetty

Honorary President.

"Copy"

R Ramaswamy

for Honorable Commissioner

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL CITY IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
7th May 1930

Subject No 10 Consideration of petition dated 12th December 1929 from Mr B L Ramaswamy, No 62, Mal Bagh Road, requesting for the grant of a Municipal vacant -- land in front of his house

Resolution --- A plot of land measuring from North to South Six and half feet and East to west fifteen and a quarter feet may be given at Rupees two per Square Yard subject to the condition that only an open verandah should be put up

Sd P Subbarama Chetty,
Hon President

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for Municipal Commissioner

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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE

Dated 12th/13 Sept 1930

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your D O letter No 450/P dated 10th instant requesting to return the copy of the petition forwarded as enclosure to your letter No 343/P dated 17th May 1930 I beg to inform you that the copy of the petition has been delivered in your office yesterday

Yours sincerely,

P Mahadevayya, Esq , B A , B L ,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department, Bangalore

The Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore

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Municipality as a Member, he seems to have unauthorisedly usurped plot of vacant land 6' X 14' and built a varandah with a door facing the North thus acting illegally and to the detriment of others rights Finally the matter was adjusted between him and the Municipality by paying a penalty of Rs 60/-

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We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Mavalli
Bangalore City
May 1930

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17th May 1930

Dear Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the petition presented by the Muhammadan Residents of Mavalli and to request you to forward for the information of Government a very early report in the matter

Yours sincerely,

To

C Machia, Esq., B.A.,
Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality

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10th Sept 30

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No G To 53 dated 20/28th August 1930 I am directed to request, you to return the copy of the petition forwarded to you with this office letter No 343/P dated 17th May 1930

Yours sincerely,

To

C Machia, Esq B A.
Municipal Commissioner,
Bangalore City

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SUBJECT [illegible]

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Section 2nd
File No 119-30
Serial No 4
No L 2603

Diary No of letter replied to 1358

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 24/4/30

Signed by Mr N S Sastri

To
The Municipal Commr
thro' the President Bangalore
City Municipal Council

Sir,

With reference to
Correspondence ending
with your D.O letter no
S To 67 dated the 3rd/10th
Sept 1930, regarding the
memorial presented
to the Member of Council
on the 14th May 1930 by
the Mohamedan devotees
of the Mavalli Mosque
praying that the vacant

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List of enclosures

Copied by [illegible] 23/5/30

Examined by ..

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land in front of Mr. B. L. Ramaswamy's house. Mavally should not be granted to him. I am directed to state that Govt do not think it desirable to give the land to Mr. B. L. Ramaswamy as his house has a verandah already and an additional verandah appears unnecessary. Besides, it is likely to lead to communal trouble.

2. A suitable endorsement may be kindly issued to the parties concerned.

I have etc.,

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